

As to the command we would by no means be instrumental in disappointing your wishes on the occasion, and desire you would take the command unless some other be appointed by Congress, which we think not improbable, as S. Chase has wrote them on the subject, he was here and saw your former Letter, and has requested Congress to send up money. to tell you the truth we wish Congress may appoint some other, and that you should take your seat in that honorable Body, where you may be of great service at present. however if they do not appoint a commander we leave it to your own judgment and discretion to march or not as you may think best for the public Service. C. S. C.

Should any other Commissions be wanted, we will send them up on being informed for whom; we heretofore laid the state of the militia particularly in your Brigade before Convention for their advice; they never gave us any, and we know not to whom Commissions are to be given.

P. S. Capt<sup>n</sup> David Moore & two of his Lt<sup>s</sup> being made Field officers and Capt<sup>n</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Wells also made a Field officer, we have not sent commiss<sup>ns</sup> for those Companies, but will send them hereafter, when you let us know whom you recommend. where Christian names are left blank in M<sup>r</sup> Bruce's Battalion, be pleased to fill them up.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1776

[J. Archer to Council.]

Original.

Gent<sup>n</sup> Mr. James Allison the Bearer hereof, is desirous of entering into the Service of the United States, therefore has requested me to represent his Character to you. I can truly say he is a deserving young Gent<sup>n</sup>, is well acquainted with military mineuvres & is warmly attached to the American Cause, should you think proper to appoint him to a Lieutenancy I am convinced his future Conduct will merit your Approbation.

I am Gent<sup>n</sup> your very Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup> 1776

John Archer

[Johnson to Council.]

Original.

Fred<sup>k</sup> Town Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1776.

Gent. Col<sup>o</sup> Beatty tells me Peter Mance who was Capt., Adam Crush who was first Lieut. and Adams who was second Lieutenant of a company in his Batt. and went to the Flying Camp, refuse to hold their Commissions in his Battalion. Crush is in the regular service. Mance he says desires to be so and Adams says he will not act at any time hereafter. All agree not to desire any body who has returned from the